

young and its numbers were few, to appoint a colored agent, and accordingly they selected Mr. Russwurm.

Various causes, beyond the control of the Board of Managers and which it is here unnecessary to enumerate, have hitherto prevented so full a canvass of the State as could have been desired, and the effects of a want of very active effort have been apparent in the small number of emigrants that have sailed for Cape Palmas during the past year. By an arrangement with the Young Men's Society, however, this difficulty will be avoided in future. The agent of the State Society, the Rev. Ira A. Easter, who is also the agent of the Managers of the State fund, has had assigned to him all the duties connected with the operations of the society; such as the shipments of emigrants, the care of the local correspondence, the superintendence and keeping of the society's books, that require the presence of an agent in the office in Baltimore; while the agent associated with him, the Rev. John H. Kennard, has assigned to him the duty of travelling from one part of the state to another, spreading information, procuring emigrants, and attending to the preparations for their departure, and the formation of auxiliary societies wherever practicable. This combination of effort by the two agents here mentioned, will secure a constant and vigorous prosecution of the plans of the State Society. The prospects for a large expedition in the spring are very flattering; and there is every indication that the prejudices of the colored people, and especially those who are free, are gradually yielding to the conviction, that here they are at the best but wanderers and outcasts, without the prospect of moral or political aggrandizement, and that Africa is their true and appropriate home.

The Board of Managers confidently anticipate the time, and that not far removed, when the voluntary emigration of the colored population of the United States to Africa, will equal that which takes place from Europe to this country. All that is necessary to bring this about, is to make Africa as attractive to the colored people as America is to the European, which is to be done by the establishment there of happy, healthy, well-governed, and prosperous communities, capable of self-support and self-defence. This is now in rapid progress. Three years since Cape Palmas was a wilderness, with untutored sa-